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On receipt of the report and after due consideration of the remarks of the Inspector-General of Police and the District Magistrate thereon the Government decided to reopen the police station at Pamudurti which was closed some years ago and to watch the result of this step before considering whether more stringent measures were necessary.

For obvious reasons the Government are not at present prepared to give a more detailed reply to the question.

Number of prosecutions by the City Police.

142 *Q.*—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of prosecutions filed by the Madras City Police in the Presidency Magistrates' Court in 1921, 1922 and 1923, and

(*b*) the number of such cases which resulted in the acquittal or discharge of the accused by the Magistrates or by the High Court?

A.—A statement is given below :—

Year.	Number of cases prosecuted by the City Police in the Presidency Magistrates' Court.	Number convicted.	Number acquitted or discharged.
1921	1,505	1,351	154
1922	1,695	1,538	157
1923	2,057	1,853	204

N.B.—The figures do not include petty cases under the City Police Act disposed of by the Bench Courts.

Mr. Blackstone's Report.

143 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to lay on the table the report of Mr. Blackstone and the opinion of the District Magistrate regarding Penukonda and Dharmavaram divisions?

A.—The Government are not prepared to lay the report on the table. For a summary of its subject matter the hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 141.

Cutchi Memons' Act.

The Cutchi Memons' Act, 1920.

144 *Q.*—Mr. Yahya Ali : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government have issued a notification in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Cutchi Memons' Act, 1920 (India Act XLVI of 1920), prescribing the authority before whom and the form in which, the declaration, under section 2 of the said Act, should be made?

A.—The answer is in the affirmative—vide page 1288, Part I, *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 21st November 1922.